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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADB REGIONAL SEMINAR ON FORESTRY AND  
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1. EMBASSY FINDS PROPOSED ADB REGIONAL SEMINAR ON APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY IN FORESTRY AND FOREST INDUSTRIES WORTHWHILE AND CONCURS WITH USADB'S RECOMMENDATION FOR FAVORABLE NAC ACTION.

2. FOREST INDUSTRY REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT SECTOR IN

PHILIPPINE ECONOMY AND IS THE PHILIPPINE'S FOURTH LARGEST EXPORT EARNER (6.4 PERCENT OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN 1977). THE EXPORT VALUE OF LOGS AND WOODS PRODUCTS FOR 1978 IS PROJECTED BY GOP TO REACH 410 MILLION DOLLARS.

3. SEVERAL PROBLEMS PLAGUE THE INDUSTRY, HOWEVER. INDISCRIMINATE LOGGING, "SLASH AND BURN" FARMERS, AND INADEQUATE REFORESTATION EFFORTS HAVE RESULTED IN SEVERE DEFORESTATION PROBLEM. RECENT GOVERNMENT ACTIONS, SUCH AS LIMITATIONS OF TIMBER PERMITS AND MORE STRINGENT REFORESTATION REQUIREMENTS, HAVE BEEN TAKEN, BUT PROBLEM WILL PERSIST FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

4. ALSO MUCH OF PHILIPPINE'S TIMBER EXPORTS ARE IN FORM OF UNPROCESSED LOGS, IN PART A RESULT OF NON-COMPETITIVENESS OF LOCAL LUMBER INDUSTRY DUE TO VARIOUS MARKET AND PRODUCTION FACTORS. IN 1977 OUT OF 429 MILLION DOLLARS OF WOOD EXPORT RECEIPTS, 56 PER CENT CAME FROM LOG EXPORTS, 28 PER CENT FROM LUMBER, AND ONLY 16 PER CENT FROM PLYWOOD EXPORTS. TO ADD TO THIS DILEMMA, PHILIPPINE EXPORTERS OF PLYWOOD HAVE RECENTLY BEEN FACED WITH DETERIORATING INTERNATIONAL MARKET FOR THEIR PRODUCTS.

5. WELL-THOUGHT OUT USE OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY PROVIDED FOR IN PROPOSED SEMINAR WOULD BE USEFUL IN HELPING SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS. APPLICATION OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY  
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NOLOGY WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN AREA OF WOOD PROCESSING AS VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO TOTAL BAN ON LOG EXPORTS, A MEASURE THAT HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BY GOP FOR PAST TWO YEARS. TOUSSAINT

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